

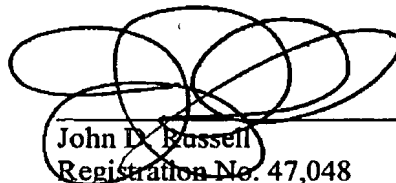
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81090700**Remarks:**

These remarks are responsive to the Office communication dated April 16, 2007. Applicants previously filed a substitute appeal brief on April 11, 2007. Applicants have reviewed the file history through private pair and have verified that the substitute appeal brief has been entered. Applicants assume that the Office mailed the present communication without realizing that Applicants had already filed the substitute brief on April 11, 2007, which addresses the issues noted in the present communication. If further changes are required please contact the undersigned as soon as possible.

Prior to entry of this response, claims 1-40 were pending claims under appeal in the application, with claims 41-46 having already been cancelled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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